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AUTOMATIC REMOTE BACKUP OF NETWORK
ELEMENTS LOCAL STORAGE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this patent application entitled *Element Management System with Automatic Remote Backup of Network Elements Local Storage* by Tripathy, et al., please amend the application as follows: